

.....Grand Closing Out Sale of

Furniture and Carpets
Begins This Morning

We have leased our store building and must give possession, therefore commencing this morning we will inaugurate a grand Closing Out Sale of our Mammoth Stock of Furniture and Carpets. This will certainly be a rare opportunity for you to purchase FIRST CLASS GOODS AT GREAT SACRIFICE PRICES. We have the largest stock carried by any house in the state, and our reputation for handling only Reliable, High Grade Goods is well established, therefore you take no chances of getting an inferior quality of goods here. Every new style and make in Furniture of finest finish. All kinds and best makes of Carpets, latest designs and patterns.

Remember, everything in our immense stock will go into this sale and our prices will enable those of moderate means to furnish their homes with the best of Furniture and Carpets at a small cost. Come today. Make your selections and have them set aside for you.

IT IS TRUE ECONOMY TO BUY NOW, for the extremely low prices which we will make during this sale cannot be duplicated in the west. Attend this sale and be convinced of the truly wonderful values.

**Mammoth Furniture and
Carpet Emporium**

.....Finlay Ross.

THROUGH THE PARK

Route of the New Car Line
Mapped Out.

ENTERS BY GRISWOLD

Connects With Fairview on
Thirteenth.

Park Commissioner Dickson said yesterday that the route of the new street car line in Riverside has been laid out as follows: The track will run west on Central avenue through Griswold to the west line of the park. Turning north here the line will run across the Little River on a bridge to be built by the company just west of the one to be built by the park commissioners in the construction of the new four-mile boulevard, the construction of which will begin next Monday, Mr. Dickson says. If the weather permits, the line will proceed north adjacent to the west line of the new Riverside to Cortes avenue. Thence east on Cortes avenue to Wichita street, and north on Wichita to Thirteenth, where connection will be made with the Fairview line.

A force of men are at work digging the holes for the trolley poles, and the work seems to be in progress. Speaking of the matter yesterday, a business man said: "The new company will build the line all right. They will build the new line, you mark my statement."

Everybody will be glad to learn that there is a probability that the new company will build through the park. All the great outdoor celebrations of the city and county held in this vicinity will be held in the new park, and the trouble heretofore has been to get to the park for picnics and parties.

It was the intention of the commissioners to have commenced work on the boulevard last Monday, but the weather was so bad that there was no show to do anything but drag around through the mud, and operations have been deferred until next Monday, or until the weather betters.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

The High School chorus will give Paul's "Holly City," a short oratorio, Friday night at the Auditorium. This is in

Who can measure
the influence of a
Mother!

It lasts through all
ages and enters the
confines of eternity.
With what care,
therefore, should she
be guarded and how
great the effort be
made to make her life happy.

**Mother's
Friend**

makes child-birth
easy, assists nature
in its sublime effort, leaves the Mother
stronger after than before confinement,
and robs the trying hour of its terror.
No Mother can afford to neglect its use.

Of druggists at \$1.00, or sent by mail on receipt
of price. Write for book containing valu-
able information for all Mothers, mailed free.
The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

the line of work in which Wichita is in-
terested this winter, and will be a good
preparation for the "Messiah," to be
given later. The chorus has worked very
faithful on this cantata and a rare treat
may be assured. The music is very beau-
tiful and well adapted to the subject—
Heaven. The solos will be ably sus-
tained by Misses Jetta Campbell and
Blanche Childs, and Messrs. Elmer Jones,
Harry Stanley and Robert Torrington.
Come and encourage our own boys and
girls.

SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR.

The colored quarters on a southern plan-
tation in old slavery days form the scene
reproduced in Harry Martell's mammoth
production, "The South Before the War,"
which occupies the stage of the Crawford
Grand soon. Buck and wing dancing, a
cake walk for gold and silver medals,
jubilant songs, and dances, and an old-
time colored camp meeting, introducing
all the characters usually seen there and
a Pickaninny band of seventeen little
boys (colored), are a few of the novelties
introduced. The performance in its en-
tirety is the best presentation of negro
life in a plantation ever attempted, and
the play is a pronounced hit wherever it
is produced. It is absolutely unique and
different from anything of the kind ever
attempted. The company numbers some
fifty people, who travel in their own pal-
ace car, and who all take part in a parade
which starts at 11:30.

It may be worth something to know
that the very best medicine for restoring
the tired nervous system to a healthy
vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is
purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to
the nerve centers in the stomach, gently
stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and
adds these organs in throwing off impuri-
ties in the blood. Electric Bitters im-
proves the appetite, aids digestion, and
is pronounced by those who have tried it as
the very best blood purifier and nerve
tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per
bottle at Chas. J. Mackey's and G. Geh-
ring's drug stores.

MARRIED AND GONE

Mr. and Mrs. Crum on Wedding Trip
to California.

A quiet wedding took place last even-
ing at 125 East Oak street, at which Mr.
P. S. Crum and Mrs. Susie Leach were
made man and wife.

Mr. Leach is one of the prosperous men
of Minnesota township and is well known
in the city. Mrs. Leach is also well
known in the city, and the wedding will
be a complete surprise to friends and
relatives. The happy couple left at 7:45
p. m. on the Santa Fe for a tour through
California and other western states.

COMING LOCALEVENTS.

Meeting of Wichita Council No. 12 R. &
S. M. Work.

Miss Downing will give a children's gas
light malice Saturday afternoon at the
Garfield Hall.

The Welles Circle of King's Daughters
will meet with Miss Reed, 321 North Law-
rence avenue, this afternoon at 4:30.

The First German Ladies Aid society
will meet Thursday, January 27, at the
home of Mrs. H. Bolls, 235 South Water
street.

CITY IN BRIEF

Mr. Frank Oliver is in Kansas City.

Mr. P. M. Killam was here yesterday
from Newton.

Mr. Ros Harris was in Anthony yester-
day attending to some legal business.

Mr. L. S. Maxwell returned from his
cattle ranch in Gove county.

Mr. W. G. Hacker left yesterday morn-
ing on a short business trip to Newton.

Miss Nellie Dorsey is entertaining Miss
Laura Bixby of Wellington for a few
days.

Hon. W. E. Stanley was in Arkansas
City yesterday attending to some legal
matters.

Rev. J. W. Martindale left yesterday
morning over the Santa Fe on a short trip
to Emporia.

Mr. Ansel B. Clark of Sterling was in the
city yesterday, and while here stopped at
the Manhattan.

Miss Daisy Richardson has returned
home from a several days' visit with
friends in Newton.

Dr. G. C. Purdie is expected home to-
day from Chicago, where he has been at-
tending the hospitals.

Mr. W. S. Dix, one of Newton's prom-
inent millers, was here yesterday attend-
ing to some business affairs.

Mr. Ralph Robinson is temporarily in-
stalled as baggage-master of the Santa
Fe, during Mr. Crum's illness.

Mr. E. C. Hoag, traveling freight agent
of the Frisco, returned yesterday from a
business trip to Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. Harry Crum, the popular baggage
agent of the Santa Fe, is quite ill at
his home on South Topeka avenue.

Mr. Gerald Volk returned yesterday
from Kansas City, where he attended the
annual meeting of the Hoo Hoo society.

Mr. Paul Brown is in Cheney looking
after his property interests there. He will
be absent from the city for several days.

Attorney General Harper S. Cunningham
of Guthrie came up last evening in order
to go to the west side of the territory to-
day.

Mr. A. D. Wheeler, an old resident of
Wichita, is in the city visiting friends.
Mr. Wheeler is now living in Houston,
Tex.

Master Harry Dunning left for Chicago
Sunday morning over the Rock Island,
where he will resume his studies at St.
Mary's college.

Mrs. Stiles, mother of the Stiles broth-
ers, is seriously ill at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Woolard on North Law-
rence avenue.

Mr. Charles E. Schiltz, manager of
"The South Before the War" company,
which is to appear at the Crawford Grand,
was here yesterday.

Miss Flo Campbell of Newton is in the
city and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. W.
Burns for a few days at their home, 425
North Topeka avenue.

Mrs. Harvey Horner and daughter, Miss
Marie, are in the city from Caldwell,
Mo.

The germs of consump-
tion are everywhere.

There is no way but to
fight them.

If there is a history of
weak lungs in the family,
this fight must be constant
and vigorous.

You must strike the dis-
ease, or it will strike you.

At the very first sign of
failing health take Scott's
Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil
with Hypophosphites.

It gives the body power to
resist the germs of consump-
tion.

50c. and \$1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

visiting with Mrs. Horner's mother, Mrs.
York of North Topeka avenue.

Mrs. Garvey, accompanied by her sister,
Miss Lottie Newcomb, returned yesterday
from Sherman, Tex., where they have
been for the past three weeks on a visit
to their brother, Mr. T. D. Newcomb.

Rev. J. M. Kersey arrived in our city
last evening, and is holding services at
the Central Church of Christ. Come out
and hear him. Preaching tonight at 7:15
p. m. Services will be dismissed in time
for lecture.

Mr. John E. Hensworth, who has for
the past twelve years been the foreman
of the Wichita steam laundry, has re-
signed his position and will leave in a
few days to accept a similar one with a
laundry in Milwaukee, Wis.

Manager Martell of the Crawford
Grand is in receipt of a telegram from the
opera house manager at St. Joseph, Mo.,
stating that "Town Topics," which is to
appear here on Friday evening, is strictly
first class, and present a thoroughly en-
joyable performance.

Household Gods.
The ancient Greeks believed that the
Penates were the gods who attended to
the welfare and prosperity of the family.
They were worshipped as household gods
in every home. The household god of to-
day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For
consumption, coughs, colds, and for all
affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs
it is invaluable. It has been tried for a
quarter of a century, and is guaranteed
to cure or money returned. No household
should be without this good angel. It is
pleasant to take, and a safe and sure
remedy for old and young. Free trial bot-
tles at Chas. J. Mackey's and G. Geh-
ring's drug stores.

Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Real Estate Transfers.

(Furnished by the Wichita Abstract and
Land Company, H. M. DuBois, ab-
stractor.)

Henry W. Hartwig to E. F. Hart-
wig, qcd, lots 64, 65 and 66 Douglas
ave., Mead's add. 1

Kansas National Bank to J. W. and
Geo. J. 1-3 lot in tract 73x11-1-2
com. 65 ft. and 41-1-2 ft. w. sec. cor.
sw. q. sec. 5-7-10 1

L. D. Wilkerson to James Driscoll,
qcd, lots 49 and 42 Emporia avenue,
Orme and Phillips's add. 450

R. W. Fletcher to J. W. Meyerstick,
qcd, ne. q. sec. 20-25-26 620

Patrick O'Shea to J. W. and George
W. Adams, wd, lots 12, 14 and 16,
Topeka ave., Union add. 1300

A. D. Mallory to Fanny Rutledge,
qcd, lots 9 and 11, Cherry street,
P. W. Jones's add. 30

Frank Braslar to Clark Kincaid, wd,
lots 103 and 104, Lawrence ave., blk.
3, Orme and Phillips's add. 500

D. M. Deen to A. W. Lyons, wd, lot
11 Ohio ave., Matthews's 2nd add.
J. A. Leisure to N. A. Leisure, wd, lots
112, 113, 117 and 118 Green street,
lots 128 to 144 even, Woodland ave.,
N. Riverside add, blk. 6, 7, 8 and 9,
Alamo add. 1200

TRIALS OF ST. THECLA

**Wonderful Story of Love and Miracle
in an Old Papyrus.**

New York, Jan. 26.—Attention is in-
vited to a new find in ancient Christian
literature, made by Dr. Karl Schmidt, a
German theologian, and for the first time
published in the Neue-Heidelberger Jahr-
bucher. During Dr. Schmidt's recent so-
journ in Egypt, where he devoted several
years to archaeological research, he had
come upon a number of papyrus frag-
ments at Cairo, which embraced a well-
known legend that goes by the name of
the "Acts of St. Thecla." After the lib-
rary of the University of Heidelberg had
acquired this collection the German
scholar, upon his return, subjected it to
renewed investigation at his leisure, and
supplied by the needed scientific appar-

atus that was wanting in Egypt. He then
found that the Acts of St. Thecla were
indeed contained in this papyrus record,
but not as an independent writing. They
were simply part of the Acts of St. Paul.
Dr. Schmidt writes:

"During Paul's preaching to the con-
gregation in the house of Onesiphorus, in
Iconium, a maiden named Thecla (whose
father's name was Theocleas) the bride
of a man named Thamyris, was sitting
at her window near-by and listening night
and day to Paul's speaking of chastity,
and she never left the window. Now, as
he saw many women and maidens enter-
ing the house where Paul preached, she,
too, was filled with longing to be found
worthy of meeting Paul and hearing the
word of Christ, for she had not yet seen
the countenance of Paul, but only heard
his voice. Thecla never leaving the win-
dow, her mother sent for Thamyris, and
came full of joy, for he believed that she
now would be given to him in marriage.
And Thamyris to Theocleas: 'Where is
my Thecla?' And Theocleas replied: 'I
must tell you something unpleasant.
Thamyris, Thecla, for three days and
nights, has not risen from the window,
does neither eat nor drink, but incessantly,
by, and with delight, her ears are turned
to a stranger, who proclaims deceptive
and confusing doctrines. Oh, Thamyris,
that man stirs up to sedition the city of
Iconium, and even you, Thecla, for all
maiden and youth call on him and are
taught by him only one God and to live
abstinent. My daughter sticks to the
window like a spider and is seized with
longing and fearful passion of his words.
Walk in and talk to her, for she is
dying.'"

Thus her lover, mother and servants en-
deavor by caresses, pleadings and re-
proaches to dissuade Thecla, but in vain.
Finally, Thamyris full of anger and
rushed from the house. In the street he
met two false friends of St. Paul, who
advised him to report the apostle to the
authorities, saying: "He prevents the
young men from choosing wives and
maiden from getting husbands, for he
asserts with otherwise that there should be
no resurrection for them. Denounce him to
Governor Castolus as alienating the peo-
ple from the gods to the new doctrine of
the Christians, and you will destroy him
and charge it on Thecla."

So, Thamyris arrives with a large, ex-
cited crowd of people in front of the house
in which Paul preaches, and the multi-
tude begins to cry: "Away with the
wicked! He seduces all our women."
And a great uproar they rush to the
house of the pro-consul. "This vagabond
and stranger forbids our girls to marry,"
he shouted. Now, Paul, after a speech
in defense of his teachings, closed with
the words: "If only tech, what God has
revealed to me. What wrong, then, do I
commit?" Castolus orders the apostle's
arrest to pacify the people. During the
following night Thecla escapes from her
home, bribes the jailer, is led into the
presence of Paul, sits at his feet and
kisses his feet. After a few days Paul
is led into the Court and the multitude
again shouts: "He is a wizard; off with
him to execution!" The Governor thought
to have Paul scourged and banished from
the city.

While the trial of the apostle was still
proceeding, Castolus took occasion to re-
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